

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2017**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, October 2, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Tyler Moore, and County Attorney Alan D. Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Steve Rogers and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Moore led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Sargent Justin Markley offered a word of prayer.

### **IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

1. Sheriff Steve Rogers introduced Corrections Officer Kysha McClish. Officer McClish was a member of the Military for nine years, a current member of the CERT team, a Spartan race participant, and a Corrections Officer at the Jail since 2010. She looks forward to serving as a Sheriff's Deputy for Howard County. Deputy McClish was sworn in by Chief Deputy Clerk Debbie Stewart, surrounded by her family and friends. Pictures were taken and congratulations were given by all.
2. Mr. Moore introduced Tracey Derrick, as the September Employee of the Month. Ms. Derrick is the Program Director at Kinsey. Ms. Derrick supervises staff, sets up out of county transport daily, and works with parents and detained children. She is compassionate, caring, and respectful to children in crisis. Mr. Wyman commented, "She was [his] first neighbor in Howard County," and he presented her the Employee of the Month Award. Ms. Derrick received a round of applause as well as a small glass monument and a certificate. Pictures were taken before she left the podium.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the September 18, 2017, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

#### **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:**

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet presented the following items and requested that they be paid from Cum Cap Building Repair 1138.47241.000.0000:

1. **Parking Lot Sealing at Kokomo Work Release Center:** The lowest quote was from Preferred at \$3,614.00 for sealing and an additional \$310.00 for striping lot. Mr. Moore made the motion to approve the bid from Preferred for a total of \$ 3,924.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried.
2. **Tree Removal at Howard Haven:** Eleven trees at Howard Haven need to be professionally removed. The lowest cost to cut down, remove, and grind the stumps from Rice Tree Service is \$11,750.00. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the tree removal by Rice Tree Service for \$11,750.00 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried. Mr. Moore made a comment that the Friends of Howard Haven will be spear heading the replanting of trees.
3. **Decorative Concrete Removal at Administration Center:** The decorative concrete extending from the building on the west entrance expands at a different rate and causes the walkway to be uneven; therefore, Mr. Stonestreet recommended replacement of the concrete at the Administration Center. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the work by Jones Concrete in the amount of \$2,150.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried.
4. **Jail Heat Exchanger Replacement:** Irish Mechanical replaced a heat exchanger at a cost of \$3,961.85. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve payment to Irish Mechanical in the amount of \$3,961.85 for the replacement of the heat exchanger at the jail. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman and carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

Deputy Auditor Brenda Huemmer submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims to be paid October 6, 2017, and October 13, 2017, in the amount of \$368,266.16 each, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid October 2, 2017, in the amount of \$867,067.46 were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried.
3. **Net Assessed Valuation:** Mr. Wyman stated that the Net Assessed Valuations will be presented at a later date by Auditor Martha Lake, since she was not present at this time.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

1. Resolution 2017-BCCR-22 supporting the United Way 2017/2018 Campaign was read by Mr. Wyman. Mr. Wyman made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-BCCR-22. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and carried. Mr. Wyman wished Jessica Rudy well on heading up the United Way Campaign at Howard County Government.
2. An Executive Session of the Howard County Board of Commissioners was held September 26, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 220D, Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Tyler Moore, and Member Brad Bray. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes to the Executive Session as submitted, Mr. Wyman seconded the motion, and carried.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

1. **Ratify Commissioner Wyman's Signature on The Gilead House Claim:** Mr. Wyman acknowledged The Gilead House in their mission for transitional housing for women coming out of jail and back into the community. Mr. Moore made a motion to ratify President Wyman's signature on The Gilead House claim for \$5,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman, and the motion carried.
2. **Use of Howard County Parking Lot for First Friday:** The Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance and Downtown Association have requested use of: the Howard County Parking Lot, and the east and west sides of the Howard County Courthouse for music. They have provided proof of insurance for the event. The motion was made by Mr. Moore for the approval of use of the Howard County properties. Mr. Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Light and Air Truck replacement for EMA:** Mr. Wyman noted that the EMA Light and Air Truck is used heavily by the volunteer fire and rescue services throughout Howard County and with the City of Kokomo. Mr. Wyman made a motion to replace the old light and air truck up to a cost of \$52,000.00 subject to Atty. Wilson's final review. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners  
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. on a motion  
made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Wyman, and carried.*

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

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TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR

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